UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

NATIONAL FUEL GAS DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION BROOKLYN UNION GAS COMPANY, et al.

FE DOCKET NO. 93-42-NG

ORDER TECHNICALLY AMENDING PREVIOUS NATURAL GAS IMPORT AUTHORIZATION

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DOE/FE ORDER NO. 368-F

On April 28, 1993, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (Supply) and its affiliate, National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation (Distribution), jointly applied for an order from the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) granting approval to transfer Supply's existing natural gas import authorization under DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 368,1/ as amended, to Distribution. Distribution is a local distribution company with executive offices in Buffalo, New York.

Currently, Supply is authorized to import up to 10,000 Mcf of Canadian natural gas per day from Alberta Northeast Gas

Limited (ANE) until November 1, 2003. Supply states that it is restructuring its pipeline sales and transportation services to

^{1/} See Brooklyn Union Gas Company, et al., 1 FE Para. 70,285

(January 11, 1990). See also, DOE/FE Opinion and Order Nos.

368-A, 1 FE Para. 70,370 (November 15, 1990); 368-B, 1 FE Para. 70,400 (January 16, 1991); 368-C, 1 FE Para. 70,426 (March 18, 1991); 368-D, 1 FE 70,504 (November 11, 1991); 368-E, 1 FE Para. 70,505 (November 27, 1991); and 561, 1 FE Para. 70,515 (December 19, 1991).

substantially reduce its merchant function. Supply's assignment of its import authority, along with assignment of its related gas purchase contract with ANE, to Distribution is necessary to implement the restructuring. Distribution would import the gas from ANE on terms and conditions identical to those governing the current contractual arrangement between Supply and ANE.

ORDER

Pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, it is ordered that the authorization granted to National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (Supply) in DOE/FE Opinion and Order No. 368, as amended, is hereby transferred to National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation (Distribution), effective the date of this order. Accordingly, Ordering Paragraph J of Order 368 is further amended by substituting Distribution for Supply as the importer of the natural gas.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on May 7, 1993.

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